

**John Dagworthy to George Washington, June 17, 1757,
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FROM CAPTAIN JOHN DAGWORTHY.

FORT CUMBERLAND June 17th. 1757 —

SIR

Yesterday in the Evening Six Indians Arrived from Fort Du Quesne who left that Place last Sunday & Brought with them two Scalps which they took within a hundred yards of the Fort, I learn from them that the Firing of the Cannon & Small Arms which I mention'd in my last was occasioned by a large Scouting Party leaving that Place to come this Way, they say the Indians who came in before made a false Report as to their bringing Waggon and Artillery & Account for it by their being young Warriors & much Frightened, this last Party lay some time in sight of the Fort but could not Discover either Waggon or Horses & but few Men,¹

I am sir Your most humble Servt. JNO. DAGWORTHY

¹ The first letter from Dagworthy had caused a universal alarm. Governor Sharpe had gone immediately to Frederick to send a reinforcement of 500 men; seven regiments of Virginia militia had been called out; and Colonel Stanwix had begun preparations to march to Fort Cumberland with five companies of Royal Americans, and some of the Pennsylvania forces. Stanwix received the second news in time to countermand his orders, but it was some time before the alarm subsided.